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SUBJ: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE EXAMINATION OF AUSTRALIA

REF: OECD PARIS 8445

1. EMBASSY WISHES TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RECENT
DECISION TO DISSOLVE THE AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT AND
SCHEDULE A GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 18, JUST TWO DAYS
PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED TCWP REVIEW, HAS BEEN BROUGHT
TO OECD'S ATTENTION AND TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR WHATEVER
EFFECT, IF ANY, IT MAY HAVE ON THIS SCHEDULE.

2. AT THIS STATE MOST QUALIFIED OBSERVERS CONSIDER
THE ODDS ON THE ELECTION OUTCOME VIRTUALLY EVEN. IN
THE EVENT, OF COURSE, THAT THE OPPOSITION DID WIN THE
ELECTION, THE TCWP REVIEW WOULD TAKE PLACE AT A TIME
WHEN THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS JUST BEING FORMED AND
BEFORE ANY NEW POLICY LINES WERE SET.

3. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT EVEN IF TCWP DATE TECHNICALLY
OPEN TO CHANGE, THERE ARE INNUMERABLE OFFSETTING

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CONSIDERATIONS AND ON BALANCE NO REASON TO ASSUME ANY

RESCHEDULING NECESSARILY DESIRABLE.

4. FOR THIS REASON, EMBASSY HAS NO PREJUDGEMENT
WHAT, IF ANY, IMPLICATIONS AUSTRALIAN ELECTION
SCHEDULE MAY HAVE FOR OECD TIMETABLE AND PENDING
INDICATION US OECD DESIRES, HAS REFRAINED FROM
TOUCHING ON THIS QUESTION IN ANY FASHION WITH GOA.
WE DID WISH HOWEVER TO BE SURE THAT THIS NEW
DEVELOPMENT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO MISSION'S ATTENTION
IN CONTEXT OF MAY 20-22 TCWP SCHEDULE.
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